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THE UNITED STAYES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

MUCCONS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLEDISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE SEPTIO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR SETUNGIT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT OF BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

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'57N02'

In Testimony Therest. I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Inviety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand one.

Glank. Fort

Acting Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service Scretary of Agriculture

03/31/00

Research Manager

EXHIBIT A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF THE VARIETY

'57N02'

57N02 is a 1996 synthetic variety with 178 plants selected from a Pioneer experimental variety which originated from within-half sib family selection of material that traces to the Italian varieties Delta (26.8%), Robot (12%), Romagnola(8.3%) and the Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. proprietary variety 5683(2.4%). The remaining 50.5% trace to numerous other germplasm sources. For the last cycle of selection, parental plants were selected through for one or more of the following: resistance to Phytophthora root rot, stem nematode and Verticillium wilt. Prior to this, within a half-sib family selection was performed for agronomic traits such as yield and adaptation to the Italian growing conditions. Germplasm sources:Turkistan 1.8%; Chilean .5%, and 97.7% Italian material which cannot be characterized precisely due to absence of records for the Italian varieties and the method of breeding that involved open pollinated nurseries.

This variety was observed over three generations and found to be uniform and stable.

No variants were observed during seed (breeder, foundation and commercial) multiplication procedures.

It is confirmed that 57N02 meets presently acceptable levels for uniformity for alfalfa varieties.

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EXHIBIT B

NOVELTY STATEMENT

'57N02'

57N02 most closely resembles the variety DuPuits. 57N02 differs from DuPuits primarily because of dormancy. DuPuits has a dormancy of 5 and 57N02 has a dormancy of 7.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE LIVESTOCK AND SEED DIVISION PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20706

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

		ALFALFA	(<i>iviedicago sativa s</i> ens	su Gunn et al.)			
NAME OF APPLICANT(S)			TEMPORARY DE	SIGNATION	VARIETY NAME		
Pioneer Hi-Bre	d International, I	nc.	X57N02		57N02		
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No.	o., City, State, and Z	ip Code)	<u> </u>		7	OR OFFICIAL OSE ONLY	
7305 N.W. 62n	d Ave., P.O. Bo	x 287			PVPO NUMBEI		193
Johnston, IA 5	0131						
PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTION application variety. Data for quantinecessary (e.g. 0 8 9 for quantit color may be precisely designated	tative plant chara ative data. Comp	cters should be base arative data should b	ed on a minimum of 1 se determined from va	00 plants. Include l arieties entered in t	eading zeros wher he same trial.Plant	n	enerations of the
1. WINTERHARDINESS:							
3 = 5 = 7 = 9 =	(Du Puits) (Ranger) Extremely Winterha	Winterhardy (Mesilla) rdy (Norseman)	4 = Semi-Winter	ardy (Moapa 69) hardy (Lahontan) Vinterhardy (Saranac) (Vernal)			
TES	ST LOCATION:						
2. FALL DORMANCY:		FALL DORMANCY (D	DETERMINED FROM	SDACED DI ANTINI	26)		
	τ	TALE BORNAROT (E	DETERMINED FROM		-		
TESTING INSTITUTION	DATE OF	DATE OF DATE REGROWTH		REGROWTH SCORE	OR AVERAGE HEIGH CHECK VARIETII		┥
AND LOCATION	LAST CUT	, SCORED	APPLICATION VARIETY	AB1700	Sutter	Pierce	LSD .05
Pioneer Hi-Bred International,		1		AB1700	Satter	Fields	
Inc., Johnston, IA	8/98	9/98	23.9	22.0	24.1	27.7	3.31
* CUF 101, Moapa 69, Mesilla, Lahontan,	Du Puits, Saranac,	Ranger, Vernal, or Nors	eman as appropriate.	<u> </u>			<u> </u>
Specify scoring system used:Na	atural height mea	asured in cm.					
3 Fall Growth Habit (Determin							
1=1	Erect (CUF 101) Semidecumbent (Ve	3 = Sen	nierect (Mesilla) :umbent (Norseman)	5 = Intermediate (Saranac)		
3. RECOVERY AFTER FIRST SPRING CU	T (In Southwest, firs	st cut after March 21):					
1 = Very Fast (9 = Very Slow		3 = Fas	t (Saranac)	5 = Intermediate (Ranger)	7 = Slow (Vernal)	
TEST LOCATION	on: <u>Sissa.</u>	Italy					
4. AREAS OF ADAPTATION IN U.S. (Whe	re tested and prove	n adapted):					
Italy Primary Area of Adaptation				o	ther Areas of Adapta		
							~ S
1 = North Cen 5 = Moderatel <u>)</u> 8 = Other <i>(Spi</i>	/ Winterhardy Intern	2 = East Central nountain	3 = So 6 = Winterhardy	utheast Intermountain	4 = Southwest 7 = Great Plains		3
						X	• 0
i. FLOWERING DATE (When 10% of plant	s possess open flo	vers at time of first sprir	ng cut):				
Days Earlier Than	🔲						
Same As		1 = CUF 1	101 2 =	: Mesilla 3	= Saranac	4 = Vernal 5 = 1	Vorseman
	EST LOCATION:						

6. PLANT COLOR (Determined	from healthy regrowth 3 we	eks after first sp	ring cut, controlling k	eafhoppers if necessa	ary):		7 (51
1 = Very Dark Gre	een (524)	2 = Dark Gree	en (Vemal)	3 = Light Gree	en (Ranger)	200	000193
COLOR CHART V	ALUE (Specify chart used)						i i
APPLICATION VA	RIETY:						
VERNAL:							
							<u> </u>
7. CROWN TYPE (Determined fro							
Noncreeping T	ypes: 1 = Broad (Ve	ernal)	2 = intermediate (Sa	aranac)	3 = Narrow (CUF 101)	
Creeping Type	s: 4 = Creeping	Rooted (Rangela	ander)	5 = Rhizomatous	(Rhizoma)		
8. FLOWER COLOR (Determine for	equency of plants for each	color class as d	lefined by USDA Agric	cultural Handbook No	. 424 (Barnes 1	1972), allowing all p	lants in plot to flower):
וגוחותו	iolet (Subclasses 1.1 to 1.4		-		lasses 2.3 and		
0 0 6 % Variedated O	ther Than Blue (Subclasse	e 2 1 2 2 2 5 to 4		t % Yellow (Su	h-l 4 <i>4</i> 5	. 4.0	
	,	o 2.1, 2.2, 2.0 to ,			bclasses 4.1 to	7 4.4)	
t % Cream (Class	•			t % White (Clas	ss 5)		
	N: <u>Conneil, WA</u>						
9. POD SHAPE (Determine freque	ncy of plants with the follow	wing pod shapes	produced on well cro	oss-pollinated raceme	es):		
% Tightly Coiled	l (One or more coils, center	r more or less cla	osed)	% Loosely Co	iled (One or m	ore colls, center co	nspicuously open)
% Sickle (Less t	han 1 coil)			TEST LOCATI	ON:		
10. PEST RESISTANCE: Provide in	the appropriate column, to	ial data for appli	cation variety, and re	sistant (R) and susce	ptible (S) chec	k varieties, syntheti	c generation tested average severity
index sco evaluation	res (ASI), least significant : 1. Describe scoring system	difference statist n, and any test pa	ics (LSD .05), the inst rocedure which differ	itution in charge of te s from standard meth	st vear and lo	cation of test and	whether test is a field or laboratory al data from other test years or
Seeds of	should be presented when the check varieties and gen	ever available or mplasm lines lis	ı a separate documen ted below can be obta	it as Exhibit D. sined from the USDA I	Field Crops I a	boratory Bido 001	Rm 335 BARC-West Reltsville MD
20705. Al presented	though comparisons with o	heck varieties li	sted below are prefen	red, comparisons with	any appropri	ate check variety re	commended by Elgin (1982) may be
A. DISEASE RESISTANCE:		eval oru	PERCENT				
DISEASE	VARIETY	SYN. GEN, TESTED	RESISTANT PLANTS	NUMBER OF PLANTS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION. YEAR, LOCATION. FIELD OR LABORATORY
Anthracnose, Race 1					!	0/ 5 1 /	
(Colletotrichum trifolii)	Application S	1	1.8	~125		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. Arlington, WI
	4(0)					18.1	1999
	Arc (R)		70.0	~125			Laboratory
	Saranac (S)		4.0	425		1	
			4.9	~125			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	test .				
Anthracnose, Race 2						<u> </u>	
(Colletotrichum trifolii)	Application						
•							
	Saranac AR (R)						
	Arc (S)						
	SCORING SYSTEM:						
Bacterial Wilt						% Resistant	Dinner Hi Bred Intil Inc
(Corynebacterium insidiosum)	Application LR	1	10.2	~200			Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. Arlington, WI 1999
•	Married (D)		45.0			14,0	
	Vernal (R)		42.0	~200			Field
	Narragansett (S)		1,5	~200			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Ota mala mal					
	COMMO STOLEM:	Standard	test				
Common Leafspot							
(Pseudopeziza medicaginis)	Application						
	MSA-CW2An2 ID			·			
	MSA-CW3An3 (R					,	
	Ranger (S)	1.	Ţ				
:	SCORING SYSTEM;						
	GOORING 313 IEM;						
FORM LS-470-32 (4-85)							PAGE 2 OF

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DISEASE	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT RESISTANT PLANTS	NUMBER OF PLANTS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD ,05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATIO FIELD OR LABORATORY
Downy Mildew (Peronospora trifoliorum)	Application				-		
Isolate, if known:	Saranac (R)						
	– Kanza (S)						
	SCORING SYSTEM:						
Fusarium Wilt (Fusarium oxysporum f. medicaginis)	Application MR	1	22.9	~150		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1999
'	Agate (R)		54.0	~150		16.7	Arlington, WI Laboratory
	MNGN-1 (S)		0.0	~150			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	l test.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1	
Phytophthora Root Rot (Phytophthora megasperma f. medicaginis)	Application R	1	52.8	~160		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1997
	MNPD-1(R)		46.0	~160		11.6	Arlington, WI Laboratory
	Saranac (S)	==	1.1	~160			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	d test			1111	
Verticillium Wilt (Verticillium alboatrum)	Application R	1	40.8	~125	W-112 1U11.	% Resistant Plants 14.6	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1997 Arlington, WI Laboratory
	Vertus (R]		40.0	~125			
	Saranac (S)		4.4	~125			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	i test		2011		
Other (Specify)	Application						
	WAPH-1(
	Agate (S;						
	SCORING SYSTEM:		· - · ·		•		
Other (Specify)	Application						
	(R)						·
	(S)]	
	SCORING SYSTEM:						
SECT RESISTANCE: INSECT	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT DEFOLIATION	DEFOLIATION IN PERCENT OF RESISTANT CHECK	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATION FIELD OR LABORATORY
Alfalfa Weevil Hypera postica)	Application						
	Arc (R)			100]	
	Saranac (S)]	
	SCORING SYSTEM:					1	

INSECT	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT SEEDLING SURVIVAL	NUMBER OF SEEDLINGS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATION FIELD OR LABORATORY	
ue Alfalfa Aphid Biotype 2	Application		114,50					
(Acyrthosiphon kondoi)	58A90 (R)							
	CUF101 (S)							
	SCORING SYSTEM:							
Pea Aphid (Acyrthosiphon pisum)	Application MR	1	28.0	~300		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1997	
	PA-1 (HR)		55.0	~300		13.8	Johnston, IA Laboratory	
	Ranger (S)		2.5	~300				
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standar	d test			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Spotted Alfalfa Aphid (Therioaphis maculata) Biotype, if known:	Application MR	1	20.0	~300		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1996 Johnston, IA Laboratory	
вютуре, я кломп:	CUF101 (HR)		60.0	~300		22.3		
	Caliverde (S)		0.0	~300				
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standar	d test					
INSECT	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT RESISTANT PLANTS	NUMBER OF PLANTS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATION, FIELD OR LABORATORY	
to Leafhopper Yellowing (Empoasca fabae)	Application							
	PLH25 (MR)							
	Ranger (S)							
	SCORING SYSTEM:							
Other <i>(Specify)</i> Root Knot Nematode	Application LR	1	14.3	~170		% Resistant Plants	Crop Characteristics	
Meloidogyne icognita	(HR) Moapa 60		50.0	~170		11.5	Farmington, MN Laboratory	
	(S) Lahontan		0.0	~170				
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	l test					
NEMATODE RESISTANCE: NEMATODE	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT RESISTANT PLANTS	NUMBER OF PLANTS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATION, FIELD OR LABORATORY	
Northern Root Knot (Meloidogyne hapla)	Application MR	1	25.8	~250		% Resistant Plants	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1999	
	SYN YY (HR]		90.00	~250		1 23.1	Connell, WA Laboratory	
	Lahontan (S)		5.0	~250				
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	test	•				

NEMATODE	VARIETY	SYN. GEN. TESTED	PERCENT RESISTANT PLANTS	NUMBER OF PLANTS TESTED	ASI	ASI LSD .05	INSTITUTION, YEAR, LOCATION FIELD OR LABORATORY
Southern Root Knot (Meloidogyne incognita)	Application						
	Моара 69 (R)						
	Lahontan (S)						
	SCORING SYSTEM:						
Stem Nematode (Ditylenchus dipsaci)	Application S	1	4.3	~250		% Resistant Plants 14.8	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int'l, Inc. 1998 Connell, WA Laboratory
	Vernema (R)	1818	60.0	~250			
	Ranger (S)		5.5	~250			
	SCORING SYSTEM:	Standard	test				
Other (Specify)	Application						
	(R)						
	(S)						
	SCORING SYSTEM:						

11. INDICATE THE VARIETY THAT MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THE APPLICATION VARIETY FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS:

CHARACTER	VARIETY	CHARACTER	VARIETY
Winterhardiness	-	Plant Color	-
Recovery After 1st Cut	-	Crown Type	-
Area of Adaptation	Superba	Combined Disease Resistance	Superba
Flowering Date	-	Combined insect Resistance	Superba

REFERENCES

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Munsell Color Co. 1977. Munsell Plant Tissue Color Charts. Munsell Color Co., Inc. Baltimore.

NOTE: Any additional descriptive information and supporting documentation may be provided as Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT D

'57N02'

- 1. 57N02 is a 1996 synthetic variety. Parent plants were selected for one or more of the following resistances: Phytophthora root rot, stem nematodes and Verticillium wilt. Prior to this, selection was also made for agronomic traits such as yield and adaptation to the Italian growing conditions.
- 2. 57N02 is intended for use in the Po valley and central areas of Italy. It should also be adapted to other alfalfa growing areas of the Mediterranean basin. It has been tested in Malagnino, Sissa and Medesano, Italy.
- 3. 57N02 is a nondormant cultivar with a fall dormancy similar to FD-7 check. Flower color in the Syn1 generation is approximately 94% purple and 6% variegated with traces of white, cream and yellow.
- 4. 57N02 has resistance to Phytophthora root rot and Verticillium wilt; moderate resistance to fusarium wilt, spotted aphid, pea aphid, root knot nematode (M. hapla); low resistance to bacterial wilt and southern root knot nematode (M. incognita); and is susceptible to anthracnose and stem nematode. 57N02 has not been tested for blue aphid or Aphanomyces root rot.
- 5. Breeder seed (Syn1) was produced on 178 plants in 1996 and bulked. Seed classes will be breeder, foundation (Syn 2 or 3), and certified (Syn 2, Syn 3 or Syn 4). Foundation seed may be produced from breeder of foundation. The second generation foundation seed may be produced at the discretion of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. Limitations of age of stand will be three and five years respectively, for foundation and certified seed. Sufficient breeder and/or foundation seed for the projected life of the variety will be maintained by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.
- 6. Seed will be marketed in the spring of 2001 in Italy
- 7. Application for Plant Variety Protection will be made and the certification option will not be requested.
- 8. As a means of added varietal protection, information included with the Application for Review of Alfalfa Varieties for Certification may be provided to the PVP office.
- 9. Variety name: 57N02

Date submitted: November 30, 1999

10. Experimental designations: X57N02, Z57N02, 96P58PI1

REPRODUCE LOCALLY. Include form number and date on all reproductions.	FORM APPROVED - OMB NO.	0581-0055 EXPIRES: 12-31			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE	The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995. Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S. C. 2426).				
EXHIBIT E STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP					
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME			
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	X57NO2	57NO2			
4. ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)	5. TELEPHONE (include area code)	6. FAX (include area code)			
7305 N.W. 62nd Ave.	(515) 270-3347	(515) 270-3750			
P.O. Box 287 Johnston, IA 50131	7. PVPO NUMBER 4 0	000193			
8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no	n n ease evolain				
	o, p date explain.	X YES NO			

Is the applicant (individual or company a U.S. national or U.S. based If no, give name of country	·	X YES NO			
i no, give mane or country		V LES NO			
10. Is the applicant the original breeder? If no, please answer the following:		X YES NO			
 a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s); ls (are) the original breeder(s) a U.S. national(s)? If no, give name of country 					
	:	·			
b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company: Is the original breeder(s) U.S. based company? If no, give name of country		YES NO			
11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use reverse for extra space):					
PLEASE NOTE:					
Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one	of the following criteria:				
 If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a too of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same get 	J.S. national, national of a UPOV membe enus and species.	г country, or national			
If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original br nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which aff genus and species.	reeders(s), the company must be U.S. bar fords similar protection to nationals of the	sed, owned by U.S. for the same			
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original breeder, both the original breeder	r and the applicant must meet one of the	above criteria.			
The original breeder may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. Se definition.	ee Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety P	rotection Act for			
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